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RCRA "C" Prevention Strategies
Quarter 2, 2001 report
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Enforcement and Compliance Assistance Grants**

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I. Information

State and Department: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the
Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association

Title of the Project: Defining and Measuring Environmental Regulatory Compliance in the
NEWMOA States

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II Status of Project Milestones

Project Milestones	Anticipated Completion Date	Completion Date
Hold a Session at the NEWMOA Annual Conference on Compliance Measurement	October 2000	October 31, 2000
Form NEWMOA RCRA Measures Workgroup	Fall 2000	November 2000
Hold a Conference Call of the Workgroup to Start to Plan the Project	Fall 2000	October 31, 2000
Collect Partial Inspection Lists from the States	Fall 2000	November 31, 2000
Develop Table Comparing Partial Inspection Lists from the States	Winter 2001	February 2001

Organize Workshop on RCRA Program Measures	Winter 2001	February 2001
Write-up Notes from the Workshop and Send Out to the Workgroup (see attached)	Winter 2001	February 2001
Hold Follow-up Conference Call of the States to Follow-up on the Workshop and Develop Next Steps for the Project	Spring 2001	April 9, 2001
Develop List of RCRA Performance Measures that States are Already Using or that Have Been Proposed by the States or EPA	May 2001	
Hold Meeting of the NEWMOA Workgroup to Review Potential RCRA Performance Measures	June 2001	
Draft List of Possible RCRA Performance Measures and Send to the States for Review	July 2001	
Research Possible Sources of Data on RCRA Performance Measures	July 2001	
Submit Report to the States on Possible Sources of Data on RCRA Performance Measures	July 2001	
Hold Workgroup Meeting to Finalize the List of RCRA Performance Measures	September 2001	
Finalize the List of and Submit to EPA and the State Workgroup	October 2001	

NEWMOA staff have also been participating in the OECA Compliance Assistance Advisory Committee (CAAC) during the past six months and have been chairing their Measurement Workgroup. NEWMOA has shared the experience of managing this project with the Measurement Workgroup and the larger CAAC during their meetings. NEWMOA staff also participated in the recent Compliance Assistance Forum that was sponsored by EPA, and participated in a session on RCRA Compliance Assistance and shared some of its insights from this project during that session.

III. Status of Project Completion

Anticipated project completion date: October 31, 2001

IV. Results

NEWMOA has completed an initial scoping of the project. The focus of the project has shifted as a result of the Workgroup Workshop in February. The notes from the Workshop are available from NEWMOA upon request. The Workgroup decided to develop program performance measures and not a method of assessing compliance rates. During the Workshop and in various

conversations with EPA Regional and Headquarters staff, it has become clear that the Agency has funded several projects that are designed to develop statistically valid methods of assessing compliance rates for particular sectors and programs. New Hampshire DES is also working on such a methodology, and the NEWMOA states hope to follow and learn from that project as well as the EPA research efforts. Therefore, rather than duplicate or overlap with these projects, the NEWMOA Workgroup has decided to focus on the development of a proposed set of performance measures for the state RCRA programs that would complement the efforts to evaluate compliance rates and provide an overall view of the accomplishments of the program as a whole. To begin to implement this project, the Workgroup is examining the performance measures that have already been proposed in several EPA projects and those that states are currently using in the Performance Partnership Grants and Agreements. Based on this list of existing performance measures, the Workgroup will narrow the list and make additions and modifications as necessary and begin to examine how to implement the proposed list of priority measures.

V. Other